

REMARKS

Claims 43-85 are now pending in the application. Claim 75 has been canceled and Claim 85 has been added by this amendment.

APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the interview granted with Applicants' representative on May 22, 2007. During the interview the substance of the Office Action was discussed, including the species election and the maintained restriction requirement. No agreement was reached as to the allowability of the pending claims.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement and request reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the initial and maintained restriction requirement. Applicants make this request because Applicants submit that the Examiner has not established a prima facie showing that the claimed inventions are independent and/or that there is a serious burden on the Examiner.

With traverse, Applicants have elected, for initial examination the claims of Group II (Claims 43-59 and 73). Applicants submit that Claims 60-84 should also be included in the elected Group II. Claim 60 has been amended to recite "preparing a metal substrate" and does not require aluminum. Thus, Applicants submit that Claims 43 and 60 can be examined simultaneously. In addition, Applicants submit that Claims 76-84 should be examined with the elected Group II. Therefore, Applicants submit that with

the election of Group II each of the Claims 43-84 should be examined. Applicants also reserve the right to file any unelected claims in later filed divisional patent applications.

New Claim 85 should also be included in Group II.

SPECIES RESTRICTION

The Office has required an election of a species of each of an oxo-anion, an oxidic acid, and a cation.

Applicants respectfully traverse the initial species restriction requirement because Applicants submit that there is disclosure of a relationship between the species. As noted in the Application the various disclosed species can be used in the general formula to achieve the method recited in the claims. This relationship demonstrates that the species are interrelated to an extent great enough to allow coextensive searching and examination. Further, even if a relationship between the inventions has not been established, the Applicants submit that the Applicants have submitted a reasonable number of species; therefore, the restriction requirement is inappropriate. 37 C.F.R. § 1.146.

With traverse, however, Applicants elect molybdenum as A within the general formula of an oxo-anion ($A_N O_N$) and within the oxidic acid ($H_N A_N O_N$). Applicants elect as the cation the transition metals and specifically zinc. Described in the Application as filed a theorized formula of a supramolecule may be $Zn_{21}((Mo_{154}O_{462}(H_2O)_{54}(H_2PO_2)_7) \times NH_2O)_2$, where N is 1 or greater.

Applicants submit that each of the claims is generic to each of the disclosed species. Moreover, Applicants submit that each of claims 43-59, 73, and 85 read on

each and all of the elected species. Claims 60-72 and 74-84 also read on each and all of the elected species.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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